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"Nothing Like A Letter From Home!"

The President's Page

In this brief message I wish to call your attention to some serious matters that face our college. During this first fifty years of service the college has faced difficulties that tried the faith, courage, and devotion of its friends. Today the problems are a bit different, but no less real and will again test its friends.

The main problem is how to make the college what it ought to be and do what it ought to do. The second is how to take care of those who want to come. The college now has about 235 beds in fireproof dormitories. Our student body is 463, the largest in the history of the institution, and 20% above last year. Applications for 1956-57 are now 33 1/3 per cent above this year's enrollment. All the colleges will be crowded to capacity. The poorly equipped ones will have their increase from students rejected by other colleges, and the cream will go to the colleges prepared for them. Gardner-Webb is recognized by the best colleges and universities now as the equal of their own for the first two years. It would be a serious mistake to lower that rating. To maintain it we must have students capable of moral and intellectual leadership.

With the increase in students we face a shortage of classroom space and equipment necessary for most efficient teaching. Our first and most urgent need is for the Health and Physical Education Building. By all means it should be started by June at the latest.

At the commencement in 1954 the Alumni Association set as its goal in the expansion program \$100,000. This would require an average gift of \$33.34 from those on our mailing list, or an average of \$12.50 from all alumni. That is a worthy goal; not impossible.

For our buildings we must look to the Alumni and our local people. Most large gifts today are from corporations and foundations, and the junior college is not yet greatly in their philosophy of giving. Of the Ford Foundation's gift of \$300,000,000 to private colleges not one cent went to a junior college. But we can provide our own college and be the better for doing it.



Dr. Philip Lovin Elliott

To aid us in this, our denomination is designating April as Christian Education Month, and April 22 as Christian Education Day. Let every one of us take advantage of this privilege for the sake of trained leadership. It is being said that we are losing the mountain people to the Catholics. If so it is likely because of the people's hunger for trained leadership and the fact that Catholics are sending them the best; we are not. Let's face the challenge and meet it.

P. L. ELLIOTT

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About The Cover

As long as young people go away to college, they will rush excitedly to their mail boxes hoping to get a letter from home.

More than half of all mail received by college students comes from their parents. Other correspondence include such items as the hometown newspaper, the guy or gal back home or at another school, air mail from that certain serviceman overseas, and ever so often a box of Mom's own special cookies.

The picture on the front of the **Quarterly** was made recently at the post office in the student store as a few hopefuls made a hasty check of the mail boxes before rushing off to their 11:00 A. M. classes.

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Alumni Banquet Plans

The Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday night, May 26, in the college cafeteria.

Letters will be mailed to all alumni a few weeks in advance of this date, urging all of you who can to make reservations and attend the banquet.

The annual Alumni Banquet serves three important purposes for former students: (1) It gives an opportunity for you to see old acquaintances and renew friendships. (2) You are brought up to date on the work of the college, both by the President's report and by looking over the campus. (3) You are afforded an opportunity to participate in the life of the col-

Trustees, Faculty, And Staff Enjoy Dinner Together

The trustees and faculty members, together with their wives or husbands, met for dinner on December 2 in the college cafeteria.

This meeting was an enlargement of the annual faculty dinner, which has been given for several years by President Elliott and Mrs. Elliott for the faculty and staff.

Present for the meeting, in addition to the greater college family, were the retiring, beginning, and continuing members of the board of trustees.

The trustees conducted a brief business session following the meal, in which the officers were elected for 1956. Tribute was paid to the trustees by President Elliott for their selfless devotion to the college and what it stands for.

Arnold Kincaid, retiring vice-chairman of the board, in turn had high praise for the loyalty and sacrificial dedication to duty of the college faculty.

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Thanks For Your Letters

If the **Quarterly** contains more than its usual amount of news, the credit is yours because you responded to our letters and returned our questionnaires.

To the 500 letters we mailed last month we received at least a 25 per cent response, and letters continue to come in daily.

Many more of you will hear from us in the coming months, because we want to know where you are and what you are doing. Our goal is to hold Gardner-Webb's 9,000 alumni together as a big family with a common bond, our **Alma Mater**.

The Editor

lege, through your vote and influence as an active alumnus.

Make your plans now to attend the Alumni Banquet on May 26.

New Babies

The Gardner-Webb "family" is larger by three new babies since the last issue of the *Quarterly*.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam J. Crawley, Jr. have a son, Sidney Allen, born last November 17. He is their fourth child. Dr. Crawley, one of the college physicians, is a member of the class of 1941. Mrs. Crawley, the former Julia Crisp, is also an alumna of 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harris have a new daughter, Debra Jane, born December 21. They have one other child, Ann, 3. Coach Harris joined the faculty in 1949 and has been head coach since 1952. Mrs. Harris studied at Gardner-Webb in 1949-50.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Elliott, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Robert Neil III, on January 21. Dr. Elliott joined the faculty in 1953 as associate professor of history. Mrs. Elliott taught and assisted in the guidance department in 1953 to 1955.

Construction Progress

Construction of the new dormitory continues to progress at a steady rate in spite of the unusually cold weather this winter.

The dormitory is scheduled for completion by next August 15 and is to be ready for occupancy by 100 girls when school opens next September.

At the end of January the masons had the walls up to the second floor windows of the three-story building. Concrete floors were being poured, and the electrical, plumbing, and heating work was keeping pace with other construction.

Meanwhile Dr. H. Hansel Stembidge, Jr. and Felix E. Hamrick, Golden Anniversary campaign directors, were preparing to wage an intensive campaign during April

How's The Color?

The November issue of the *Quarterly* broke sharply with tradition, and believe it or not, the response from Old Grads was overwhelmingly favorable.

Prior to that issue the *Quarterly* had always used the school colors of red and black on the cover. Three months ago, however, we decided to try a new color and see how you liked it. The *Quarterly* came out dressed in green and black.

The usual comment was that the *Quarterly* is not obligated to uphold the school colors, and might have any possible color combination, as long as it looks good.

So here we go again with another twirl of the color wheel. Let us know if you particularly like or dislike it, because this is your alumni magazine.

In Senior Colleges

Among returning alumni for Founders Day and Homecoming last October 29 were 59 girls of the classes of 1954 and 1955. A survey shows that 28 of these girls are enrolled in senior colleges, 23 are working, and four are married.

for Christian Education Day offerings through the churches. The dormitory, furnished and ready for occupancy, will cost well over \$200,000. Only half of this amount is now in hand, so Christian Education Day is an important day to the growth and development of the college.

While funds are being solicited for completion of the dormitory, the trustees and college officials are looking ahead to construction of the new physical education building. Vitally needed, it is expected to be the next building erected in the long-range expansion program now underway.

Our Alumni President Speaks

Dear Alumni:

As we near the end of the Alumni Association year we are reminded of the days when we were back on the campus attending classes and taking part in the many phases of student life. At the beginning of this year, we purposed to do many things just as we did back during our school days. Now at the end of the third quarter, we find many things undone which should have been done long before now. As we ponder our problems and the unfinished tasks, we find ourselves drifting into a little escapism by way of day dreaming and reminiscing about student life back on the campus. Those were days we shall never forget. There were the many activities which demanded our time and afforded us pleasures. In this connection, we are reminded of the daily fellowship we had in the classes, in the dining room and on the campus property. We are also reminded of the club and Literary Society Activities, the plays, Christmas Pageants, Debates, and Orations in which we participated as well as the football, basketball, and baseball. For many of us, those things are gone forever. However, there are many things that we can do to perpetuate those things for the boys and girls of this area.

As we think back to our student life we are further reminded that our Alma Mater has had a continuous struggle for growth and sometimes for its very existence. Fortunately for her and for us, she had many friends who gave her their loyal support through the trying periods as well as during the periods of growth. Our reminiscing brings us to the thought that we are soon going to have an opportunity to lend our support to the college and the good work it is doing by supporting Christian Education Day which will be observed by our churches during the month of April, and especially on April 22. During the observance of Christian Education Day, we will be afforded an opportunity to support our college through our church. This is as it should be, for there are many who prefer to make their contribution through their church.



Mr. Lane

Since this will be the last issue of the *Quarterly* before the Alumni Banquet, we should like to remind you of the banquet which will be held the fourth Saturday evening in May. This annual gathering affords an opportunity to renew our fellowship and to talk over the activities of our student days. It is especially good for the members of the classes that are in reunion. May we look forward to meeting you at that time.

ROWELL LANE.

Seven New Trustees Join College Board

Seven new members were named to the Gardner-Webb College board of trustees when the Baptist State Convention met in Asheville last November.

The new trustees are the Rev. John Lawrence, pastor of Shelby's First Baptist Church; Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician; G. B. Harrill, Forest City insurance man; the Rev. Tom Lawrence, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cliffside; Dr. W. Wyan Washburn, Boiling Springs physician; James F. Cornwell, farmer and businessman of Lattimore; and Fred Caldwell, attorney of Maiden.

Mr. Caldwell was appointed by the trustees to replace Lee B. Weathers, Shelby publisher, who declined appointment to the board because of ill health. Mr. Caldwell's appointment is for a regular four year term, subject to the Convention's approval when it meets next fall.

Three of the newly appointed board members have had previous service on the board. These are Dr. Washburn, Mr. Caldwell, and the Rev. Tom Lawrence. The other four are newcomers to the college's governing body.

Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Caldwell are Gardner-Webb alumni. Mr. Cornwell is a member of the class of 1933, and Mr. Caldwell graduated in 1924.

Board members who retired at the end of 1955 are James L. Eskridge of Greensboro, Felix E. Hamrick of Boiling Springs, Arnold W. Kincaid of Kings Mountain, R. E. Price of Rutherfordton, Dr. H. Hansel Stembidge, Jr., of Forest City, Carson Stout of High Point, and the Rev. John W. Suttle of Shelby.

Twenty-one members are continuing on the board. Those whose terms expire in 1956 are the Rev. H. M. Baker of Warsaw, Paul Broyhill of Lenoir, Claude Hinson of Belmont, C. D. Spangler of Charlotte, and Guy Roberts, Howard Rollins, and Carlos Young, all of Shelby.

To continue on the board through 1957 are J. R. Dover, Jr. of Shelby, W. B. Hair of Gastonia, S. Bruce Hildebrand of Marion, Dr. M. O. Owens, Jr. of Lenoir, R. P. Reece of Winston-Salem, A. V. Washburn, Sr., of Shelby, and the Rev. H. Gordon Weekley, Jr. of Charlotte.

Serving through 1958 are Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Dr. Hubert S. Plaster, D. W. Royster, Sr., and J. L. Suttle, Jr., all of Shelby; John Moore of Tryon, Mrs. Hattie P. Self of Cherryville, and the Rev. Harold White of Spindale.

Newly elected board officers are the Rev. John Lawrence, chairman; Dr. W. Wyan Washburn, vice-chairman; the Rev. Tom Lawrence, secretary; and Mrs. Rush Stroup, re-elected treasurer.

Officers who retired on January 1 are Dr. H. Hansel Stembidge, Jr., chairman; Arnold W. Kincaid, vice-chairman; and Dr. W. Wyan Washburn, secretary.

The college trustees are elected to four year terms by the Baptist State Convention. The board is composed of twenty-eight members, with seven members rotated each year.

The Convention makes its selection each year from a list of fourteen names presented by the existing board. The Convention also has the authority, seldom exercised, of electing board members not included on the list presented by the board.

Clinic Gets Ford Grant

The Gardner-Webb Clinic, along with non tax-supported hospitals and colleges all over the country, will share in the grants made last December 12 by the Ford Foundation.

The Clinic will receive \$10,900 with the stipulation that it be used to expand or improve facilities of the hospital and its service to the patients. The fund will be available within the next six to 18 months.

The Clinic, erected as a memorial to the late Dr. S. S. Royster, is a modern, 18-bed hospital owned and operated by the college. It received its first patient on December 1, 1949, and in the six years since that time has treated close to 100,000 patients.

In his annual report to the trustees last May President Elliott stated that in the preceding 12 months the Clinic had hospitalized 1,500 patients and treated 17,000 out-patients. Two hundred minor surgical operations were performed, and 225 babies born at the Clinic.

Dr. W. Wyan Washburn and Dr. Sam J. Crawley, Jr., college physicians, are polling the public and studying several possibilities for most wisely spending the Ford Foundation grant. The hospital committee of the board of trustees are studying the matter and are expected to make recommendations in the next few months for use of the grant.

No Negro Applicant

Much newspaper and radio pub-months to the story that, "a negro has applied for admission to Gardner-Webb."

Hundreds of people have expressed opinions as to what the college

should and should not do about the matter. As so much interest has been expressed in the matter, it is felt the alumni should know the true facts in the case.

(1) The trustees are required to study the segregation question, in compliance with a request from the Baptist State Convention.

(2) Gardner-Webb has **not** had an application for admission from any negro. We have had a letter of inquiry from a Rutherford County negro youth, but he has not applied for admission.

(3) Negroes are studying at Baptist colleges in Oklahoma, Kentucky and other Southern Baptist states. They are enrolled at Southwestern, Southern, and the New Orleans Seminaries. They are also enrolled at the University of North Carolina.

(4) If a negro or negroes are admitted to Gardner-Webb, it does **not** mean that the school will be overrun by negroes, because the admissions committee of the faculty acts on each individual application.

(5) We repeat, no negro has been admitted, or applied for admission.

As the *Quarterly* went to press, the trustees were scheduled to meet on February 13, at which time they would discuss the segregation issue and hear a report from a fact-finding committee which has been studying the case.

With the trustees' consent, their stand on segregation will be given publicity in the public newspapers. The May issue of the *Quarterly* will also report their actions.

Whatever their decision, they and the administrative officers and faculty of your Alma Mater covet your prayers, and urge you to think carefully and prayerfully about the question at hand.

Life With The Alumni

Class of 1911

Oscar Duncan is a carpenter, builder and contractor in Spindale. He has been in this work almost all his life. He and Mrs. Duncan have four children.

Class of 1912

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Tate are living in Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Tate retired from active pastorate in 1953, but he supplies somewhere almost every Sunday. His last pastorate was Pacolet Mills Baptist Church where he was pastor for 28 years. He has been in the ministry for 40 years. They have six children.

Class of 1913

Mrs. B. L. Davidson (Essie Price) is teaching a private class and pupils in art in Forest City and Cliffside. She has taught private pupils for about five years, and the class for about two years.

Rev. C. C. Matheny is pastor of Bethany and Piney Knob Churches in Ruthford County, and operates a private home for the aged and infirm at Sandy Mush.

Class of 1914

Dr. J. T. Gillespie, director of the Rural Church Program for the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the faculty and students in chapel on January 13. Dr. Gillespie is a graduate of Wake Forest and Southwestern Seminary.

Class of 1917

Mrs. Lucy Padgett Horne is a homemaker in Forest City, where she is also president of the Woman's Club.

James DuFaye Barber is cashier with Western Union Telegraph Company in Columbia, S. C. He has completed 36 years with Western Union. He and Mrs. Barber have two children.

Mrs. L. A. Blanton (Alda May Sparks) is a housewife in Mooresboro. She taught school for two years and then was married. Later she was manager of the school

careeteria for eleven years.

Class of 1918

Mrs. John B. Mintz (Maggie Byars) is a homemaker and mother in Boiling Springs.

Class of 1919

Clayton N. Stalnaker is a pharmacist at Smith's Drug Store in Shelby. He and Mrs. Stalnaker live in Forest City.

Class of 1920

Rev. Carl Lester Devine has been in the ministry for 30 years. He and his wife went back to high school with their children and graduated from Hartsell High in Concord in 1943. He and Mrs. Devine have three children. Rev. and Mrs. Devine are now enrolled as freshman students at Gardner-Webb. They have one son also attending Gardner-Webb.

Class of 1922

Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff is associate director of Allied Church League in Raleigh. He has held the position for the last 2½ years. He is a minister and has been a pastor for 28 years. He and Mrs. Biggerstaff have two children.

Class of 1923

B. E. "Pop" Simmons is a teacher and coach at Lattimore High School. He will manage Shelby's American Legion Baseball team again this year, as he has done for several years.

Class of 1924

Fred Caldwell was recently appointed to the college board of trustees. He is an attorney in Maiden.

David L. Allen is manager of the Hickory Branch of Statesville Flour Mills Company. He has been in this work for 14 years. He and Mrs. Allen have three children.

Class of 1929

J. Bryan Boswell is postmaster in Woodsdale. He has held this position since 1941.

Class of 1930

Mrs. William G. Cole (Clara

Life With Alumni (Cont'd)

Crabtree) lives on Route 3, Rutherfordton. She writes that she and her husband are very proud of their three children and two small grandchildren.

Class of 1933

James F. Cornwell, farmer and businessman of Lattimore, is a new member of the Gardner-Webb board of trustees.

Class of 1934

Mrs. Athos Rostan (Mary Sue Holland) is a homemaker in Shelby. Her husband is manager of Walden-
sian Bakery.

J. Harry Arrowood is money order clerk at the U. S. Postoffice in Concord. He and Mrs. Arrowood have two children, Jimmy 9, and Vickie Len 5.

Mrs. Deck W. Andrews (Lois Mildred Long) is first grade teacher at Houston Elementary School, Spartanburg, S. C. She began work as a teacher in 1936 and has taught for 18 years. Her husband is a professor in Business Administration at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Thomas M. Toms is engaged in farming and poultry raising in Bostic. **Mrs. Toms (Ruth Wacaster '35)** is evening supervisor of nurses at Rutherfordton. She has held this position for the past four years. Prior to that she was night supervisor at Shelby Hospital for two years and night supervisor at Grace Hospital in Morganton. Mr. and Mrs. Toms have five children: Carol Anne, 12; John William, 11; Betty, 9; Thomas M. II., 8; and Charles Franklin, 7.

Ray E. Brown is Administrator of University of Chicago Hospitals, and is a professor in the School of Business, University of Chicago. He is president of the American Hospital Association this year. He and Mrs. Brown have three children: Margaret, 15; Mary Norwell, 12, and Barbara Casey, 8.

Class of 1935

David Palmer Brooks of Lexington is associate secretary of the

State Sunday School Department. He has been in this work for eight years. He is married and has three children: Susan, 11; Rebekah, 9; and Jane Gay, 3.

Class of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. James C. DeBrew (Ruth Hamrick '34) are living on Route 3, Shelby. He is a salesman for Lutz Furniture Company in Shelby. They have three children: Carl, 18; Diana, 15, and Rosemary, 9. Carl is attending Gardner-Webb at the present.

Mrs. Jack A. Barron (Ann Wilson) is teacher of the fourth grade at Piedmont School in Lawndale. She has a daughter, Harriett, 11.

James Carl Ayers is principal of Love Memorial Elementary School in Lincolnton. He has been in the present position for 12 years. Previous to that he was principal of Cooley Springs High School in Chesnee, S. C. for four years. He and Mrs. Ayers have three children: Perry, 20; Roger, 14; and Camellia Ann, 7.

Class of 1938

Erma Bridges has been teaching since 1941, and has been at Avondale Elementary School since 1944.

Class of 1939

Carl Blanton is engaged in dairy farming on Route 3, Shelby. He married the former Mrs. Lela H. Blanton. They recently moved from Gaffney to Shelby, Route 3.

Mrs. Belton Thomas (Bertie Ruppe) has been an elementary teacher at Butler School in Cowpens, S. C., for the last nine years. Her husband is a barber in Gaffney, S. C. They have one child, Phyllis, 13.

Mr. and Mrs. George Basil Dixon (Mary Lowery) are living at Route 4, Marion. They have a son, Richard, born last December 2. Basil teaches vocational agriculture at Pleasant Gardens High School.

Glenn R. Bridges is a public school teacher in Charlotte. He and **Mrs. Bridges (Jenois Proctor)**

Life With Alumni (Cont'd)

'40) visited the college for Homecoming last fall.

Class of 1940

James Rotan began his duties in January as superintendent of Burlington Industries Phoenix Plant in Kings Mountain. He was formerly assistant superintendent of Burlington's Mayo Plant in Cramerton. James is a graduate of State College and is married to the former Avalona Carter. They have two children, Nancy, 7, and John, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vosecky (Cathy Jenkins) are living at 2623 Woodline Avenue in Knoxville, Tenn. Eugene, head of the Vocational Arts Department at Gardner-Webb, is on leave of absence to complete residence for his doctor's degree at the University of Tennessee.

Class of 1941

Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Brock are living in Mooresville. Paul is pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville. He made a tour of the Holy Land and Europe, and attended the Baptist World Alliance in London last summer. They have three children: James, 13; Talmadge, 11, and Paula, 4.

Class of 1942

Adele Justice is teaching home economics in the Cleveland County schools.

Class of 1943

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Burrus, Jr. (Ella McNeill Jenkins) of Morganton became parents of a son, Robert Jenkins Burrus, on January 2. Dr. Burrus is a dentist at the State Hospital in Morganton.

Amoret Butler teaches at Apex High School. She teaches Junior and Senior English and is guidance counselor. She is active in Hayes-Barton Baptist Church where she is librarian at works in a Sunday School department as pianist.

John Wright Butler works at the new Reigel Paper Plant at Acme. He is active in Elah Baptist Church in Leland.

Rev. Ernest Carl Upchurch is

pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He is moderator of Cabarrus Baptist Association, and is president of the Kannapolis Ministerial Association. He and Mrs. Upchurch have two children: Nancy Gayle, 13, and Ernest Eugene, 5.

Class of 1944

Macy Blanton is teaching Bible in the Elementary Schools of Concord. This is her fourth year there. Prior to that she taught Bible in the Junior High Schools of Gastonia for five years.

Class of 1945

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard B. Belcher are living in Lodge, S. C., where he is a minister. They have four children: Hazel, 23; Carolyn, 21; Paul, 15, and John B., 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Darden (Lella Jones) are now living in Portland, Maine, where Jim is a lieutenant in the Navy.

Class of 1946

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Dameron live in Gastonia, where he is pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church. They have a daughter, Benita Jon, who is now a student at Gardner-Webb. Seven members of their church are now attending Gardner-Webb, and five are ministerial students.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Wayne Ashe (Myrtle Leah Gibby) are living in Lilesville, where he is pastor of Gum Springs Baptist Church. They have one child, Stephen, 8.

James Doty is manager of Doty's Men's Shop in Cherryville. He and his brother own the business.

Mrs. DeMar Boyles (Janice Falls) began work in November as secretary to the manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Shelby. She and DeMar have two children, Rickie, 7, and Buddy, 16 months.

Class of 1947

Rev. and Mrs. Joe C. Belcher are living in Gaffney, S. C., where he is pastor of Temple Baptist Church. They have three children: Joe William, 18, Kenneth, 14, and Danny,

Life With Alumni (Cont'd)

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Mrs. Keith Curtis (Lou Davis) is a housewife and mother in Bryson City. They have two children: Cathy, 3, and Sammie Lou, 10 months. They have built a home in Bryson City, and both are active in church work.

David S. Snipes is a member of the Geology Department of the University of Kansas.

Class of 1948

Jay Rotan was married last October to Elizabeth Sifford. Jay works in the office of Burlington Mills in Cramerton and Elizabeth teaches in Cramerton High School.

Mrs. William L. Shockley, Jr. (Frances Campbell) is living in Kinston, where her husband is educational director at First Baptist Church. They have two sons, Lynn, 4, and David Carroll, 1.

Rev. David N. Morris is pastor of a Baptist church in Jacksonville, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Monroe announce the birth of a daughter on December 10. Rev. Monroe is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Grover.

Hershal Hoyle Beam is teaching school at South Gastonia School. He teaches the ninth grade. He and Mrs. Beam have a daughter, Cynthia Leigh, 10 months old.

M. L. "Gabe" Austell is district salesman with the Ralston Purina Company. He has been there for 19 months. Prior to that he was teacher and football coach at Oxford Orphanage for 3½ years. He and Mrs. Austell are living in Kinston and they have two children: Larry, 3, and Steven, 1.

Garland N. Tolbert is with the Pilot Life Insurance Company in Greensboro. He is married to the former Sara Bass.

Tom Brown is a city letter carrier in Forest City. He has been in this position since 1949. He is married to the former Mary Katherine Hair.

William O. Upchurch, Jr., is a

feed and seed store and greenhouse owner in Cherryville.

Mrs. Boyd Burch (Nell Collins) is a housewife in Clyde. She and Boyd have three children: Linda Colleen, 4; Boyd Delane, 3, and Val Dean, 19 months.

Harry A. Teele is connected with A. M. Law & Co. in Spartanburg, S. C. Prior to that he was at Commercial National Bank for four years. **Mrs. Teele (Sue Black '49)** is a piano teacher at Boiling Springs, S. C.

Class of 1949

Mr. and Mrs. James Whittington are the parents of a son, James, Jr., born last November 9.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Crowder (Betty Lou Hendrick) became parents of a son, Dwight Dixon, last December 12.

Rev. J. Edgar Bishop is pastor of the Trinity and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Churches. He has been in the ministry for 16 years, and prior to his present pastorates he was pastor of East Sylva Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Bishop live at Route 1, Mooresboro. They have two sons, Edgar Harold and Vernon Hayse, both of whom attended Gardner-Webb.

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas P. Blackwell are living in West Columbia, S. C. He is superintendent of Associational Missions of Lexington Association in South Carolina. They have two children: Phillip, 8, and Bobby, 2.

Robert E. Blanton is a student at Florida State University.

Dr. Cecil L. Thompson is teaching at Southwestern Seminary in the Department of Theology. He began in September of 1955 to teach through July of 1956. He is married to the former Jean Ward.

Marilyn Elizabeth Brewer is a home economics and science teacher at Stecoah School in Stecoah.

Class of 1950

Bill Shreve is an announcer at Radio Station WIFM in Elkin. He
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Life
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Students At
Gardner-Webb



Cafeteria



Coke Time



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and his wife have a new baby.

Lt. James E. Daniel, Jr., is with the Air Force stationed at Chau-mont, France. He is pilot of an F-86 F jet, and is assistant flight commander. He joined the Air Force Pilot Training program in May, 1952. In June, 1953 he received his commission and wings.

L. B. "Pudgy" Thomason is a student at Temple Baptist Seminary in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is also pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Holland, Ga. He and Mrs. Thomason have a daughter, Marcia Anne, nine months old.

Raymond L. Dellinger is in the Air Force stationed in Wyoming. He is working in the Administrative Career Field. He plans to make the Air Force his career.

W. C. Toney, Jr. of Hopeville, Ga., is airway operation specialist at the Atlanta Airport with the C. A. A. He got training for this work in the Air Force.

Garvin W. Allen, Sr. is pastor of the Southside Baptist Church in Gaffney, S. C. He and Mrs. Allen have two children: G. W., Jr., 16, and Dolores Ann, 14.

Conard C. Tharpe, Jr. is now attending State College. He is in his second year in Industrial Education. He was in the Army for three years with one year of overseas duty in Korea. He is married to the former Imogene Joines.

Mrs. James Russell Alexander (Wilma L. Nichols) is a housewife and mother in Elkin. She and James have two children: Beverly Karen, 4, and James Kevin, 15 months.

Mrs. Winston D. Miller (Margaret Ann Arthur) is a housewife and mother in Burlington. She and Winston have a son, James Arthur, who is nine months old.

Allen W. Askins, Jr., is chief engineer of Radio Station WAKN in Aiken, S. C. He has held this position for two years. Previous to

that he was engineer at WBCU in Union, S. C. He and Mrs. Askins have two children: Elizabeth Gay, 3, and Marilyn Ann, 2.

Rev. William C. Bearden is pastor of Mount Home Baptist Church in Morganton. Previous to that he held pastorates in Greensboro and Paw Creek. He and Mrs. Bearden have a son, Harold, 13.

Mack A. Burgin is pastor of Cumberland Avenue Baptist Church in Asheville. He and Mrs. Burgin have two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Uzzell (Joan Minton) are living in Mayodan. Scott is manager and part owner of Winter Coal and Oil Company, Inc. He spent four years in the Navy. They have a daughter, Shara, 3½.

Frank Allen was in school at High Point College until he graduated January 23 of this year. He entered the Air Force in 1951 and was discharged in January, 1955.

Mrs. Spotswood Boyd Bowers (Martha Bryte Lane) is a mother and homemaker now. They have a daughter, Deborah Lane, who is five months old. Her husband is assistant administrator of Roanoke Rapids Hospital. She taught school for two years.

Ruth Dillard is home economics teacher at China Grove High School.

Mrs. Melvin Humphries (Tawainee Harrill) is employed by the Freezer Shirt Company in Gaffney, S. C. She and Melvin have recently built a new home near Cliffside.

John W. Cannon, Jr. is teaching art in the public schools of Corydon, Ind. He is a graduate of Carolina and Peabody, majoring in art.

Betty Jewell Logan became the bride of Lee S. Suomenoksa on November 20 in the Chesnee Baptist Church, Chesnee, S. C. Betty is a graduate of Winthrop and Columbia University, and has sung with La Puma Opera Workshop in New York. Lee is completing work

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toward a Ph.D. degree at Columbia, and is a scientist in Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York.

L. R. Biggerstaff is in the Navy as a journalist on the staff of the Far East Commander in Japan. Before entering service in 1952 he studied at the University of North Carolina. He is married to the former Olivia White, and they have two small children.

Rev. Zeb V. Moss is assistant to the pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. Zeb is married to the former Evelyn Krause.

Class of 1951

John Osborne Ware and **Peggy Love Jones** '52 were married on February 4 in Shelby. John is employed in the office of Foote Mineral Company in Kings Mountain.

Andrew Sealey is living in Charlotte, where he was recently elected president of the Charlotte Alumni chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stamey (Sara Christine Blanton) are living in Louisville, Ky. Sara is teaching school in New Albany, Ind. James is a third year student at Southern Baptist Seminary and plans to graduate in May. He is pastor of Dallasburg Church, Wheatley, Ky.

Mrs. Frank Allen Deviney (Agnes Juanita Mull) is a mother and housewife in Mishawake, Ind. Her husband works for the Bendix Guided Missles Plant. They have a son, Frank Allen, Jr., 1½.

Mrs. Claude R. Duncan (Rachel Jane Yarbrough) is a mother and homemaker in Roxboro. She is active in her local Baptist church. She and Claude have two children: Yolanda, 3, and Kirkwood, 1.

Barbara Davenport is teaching third grade at Barringer School in Charlotte. This is her third year there.

Class of 1952

Mrs. Lewis Richard Isaac (Mary Suddreth) is secretary to the ad-

ministrator of Caldwell Memorial Hospital and has been for a year. She and Lewis have a daughter, Cindy, 2.

Mrs. Harold Thompson (Christine Hyde) began work with the Swain County Welfare Department in August of 1954.

Doris Jane Upton is secretary to the General Claims Manager of Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation in Cherryville.

Jonelle Teague is in her second year at the seminary in Louisville, Ky. She is working toward a master's degree in Sacred Music. She is organist at Beechmont Baptist Church in Louisville. She is also a member of the touring choir.

Fred A. Thomas, Jr. is in the Coast Guard. He was on the Atlantic Coast for one year, and has been in the Pacific for 1½ years, stationed in Honolulu and Japan, but is due home August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wheeler Allred are living at Route 2, Spring Hope. He is pastor of Cypress Chapel Baptist Church. Mary serves as director of the youth choir. Thurman is attending Southeastern Seminary. They have four children: Barbara, 16; David, 15; Jimmy, 11; and Mary Lynn, 3.

Benjamin F. Bridges is working at Cleveland Cloth Mills in Shelby. He married Marilyn W. Mode of Shelby.

Carrie Belle Barton is secretary of the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville. She has been working there for 3½ years.

Mrs. James L. DeGraw (Frances M. Phillips) is on the staff at Bob Jones University, where her husband is a ministerial student.

Jeanette Blanton is teaching the second grade in the Jefferson School in Shelby.

Robert Kelly Bolick is a radar operator in the Continental Air Defense Command. He and his wife hope to attend graduate school upon his discharge from service.

Helen Abbott is teaching at

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Wray Junior High School in Gastonia.

Samuel Wayne Bingham is a student at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Black (Angela Crawley) are parents of a son born last November 11.

Bobby Mulkey was recently discharged from the Army after two years service. He is now enrolled as a student at Western Carolina College.

Class of 1953

Williard Dean Buff is presently living in Buffalo, N. Y. He is working at the Ford Stamping Plant there. This is temporary work until Wake Forest College begins in September, 1956. He has been out of service only a few months.

Kenneth R. Queen is in the Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. He spent 15 months in Korea with the 1st Marine Air Wing. He will be discharged in September, and expects to attend Clemson College in the School of Civil Engineering.

Don Bynum is presently stationed at the Audiology and Speech Correction Department of Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C. He received his B. S. in Special Education (Acoustically Handicapped) from Appalachian last August, and the following day became Pvt. Bynum. His address is: Pvt. Donald F. Bynum, U. S. 53 255 769, 990th TU WRAMC, Washington 12, D. C. He would like to hear from some of his classmates.

Dewey E. Bovender, Jr. is mission pastor for North Winston Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. The Mission is the North Winston Baptist Chapel, and he has been pastor there for 18 months. He plans to further his education at Wake Forest College. He and Mrs. Bovender have two children, Ronald Kent, 7; and Nancy Carol, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calloway (Rebecca Ann Luffman) announce the

University in preparation for work as a missionary to his people in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace (Joan Rhinehart) are living in Sanford. They are graduates of Carson-Newman College in the class of 1955. They recently announced the birth of a daughter.

Class of 1954

Martha Brooks is a student at Woman's College, majoring in elementary education preparatory to teaching.

Garro Jane Crawford is a home economics major at Woman's College.

Dorothy Stubblefield is doing clerical work for Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in Charlotte.

Barbara Harrill is a secretary for an insurance agency in Charlotte.

Velma Harmon works in the I. B. M. office for Liberty Hosiery Mill in Gibsonville.

birth of a daughter, Reba Ann, on last December 18. They live in Lenoir, where John teaches at the Junior High School.

Miller Branton is in the Army stationed at Pittsburgh, Penna. He has been in service one year and has one more to go. He is a radar and teletype operator.

Howard D. Bridges, Jr. is equipment maintenance man in Toll Test Room for American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Richmond, Va. He has been with this company for five months.

Donald Bailey, who was recently discharged from the Army, is employed at Stonecutter Mills in Spindale. He plans to enter State College in the fall of 1956, entering the school of Textiles. Don is married to the former Lois Simmons, and they have a son, Don Michael, 2.

Rev. J. J. Thornburg is pastor of Paterson Grove Baptist Church near Kings Mountain.

Gaza Sakran, a native of Nazareth, Israel, is studying at Baylor

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Mardi Greene is a senior at Limestone College, majoring in elementary education.

Larry H. Walker is a lieutenant in the Air Force. He received his wings as a jet pilot November 1 at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, and was married to Margaret Anne McSwain of Boiling Springs November 5 in Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Richard Meek Yearwood is in the Army in Frankfurt, Germany. He will be discharged in October and plans to complete his education. He and Mrs. Yearwood have a son, Richard Stevenson, 7 months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridges (Daphne Randolph) announce the birth of a daughter, Deborah Charlene on January 29 in the Gardner-Webb Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Thomas (Joy Lynne Bell) are living in Morganton where they both teach at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. This is their first year of teaching. They plan to attend the University of North Carolina Summer School.

Richard Bass is in the Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He is a high speed radio operator.

Mrs. James M. Powers (Peggy Loujean Quinn) is attending Limestone College in Gaffney, S. C. She will graduate in 1956. She is a sociology major.

Ray Goforth is attending the University of South Carolina.

Hubert Gault is also attending the University of South Carolina.

Tommy Hill is in the Army stationed at Hanau, Germany.

Harold Pearson is in the Army stationed at Pinnaseus, Germany.

Gale "Squirrel" Thomas is playing professional baseball for the Sunbury Redlegs in Pennsylvania.

Class of 1955

Johnny F. Beal is presently attending Catawba College in Salisbury. He expects to graduate in

January of 1957 with a degree in Business Administration.

Larry D. Von Cannon is a student at Appalachian, majoring in physical education. He plans to coach and teach social studies.

Phyllis Henderson is living in Norfolk, Va. She is the assistant buyer for a car-parts concern in Norfolk. She is planning to attend Lenoir Rhyne College starting in September.

Mrs. Ruby Humphries Talley is a housewife in Shelby.

Horace Eugene Broome is attending East Carolina College in Greenville, N. C., majoring in physical education, and minoring in science. He will graduate in February of 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gamble (Mary Frances Putnam) of Shelby announce the birth of a son on November 22.

Rev. Sam H. O'Neal is pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Rutherford County. The church has been named Rural Church of the Year by North Carolina Baptists for the past two years.

Dee Nanney is an automobile adjustor for Atlantic Finance Company in Spartanburg, S. C.

Bob Callahan, now enrolled at Wake Forest College, has been accepted by Bowman Gray School of Medicine to enter in the fall of 1956. He will enter Medical School on the three-year, or 90 semester hour, plan.

Mac Hill, who had an extended illness during the fall, has returned to the University of South Carolina.

Ernest Ted Turner is enrolled as a ministerial student in Baylor University.

Class of 1956

Mrs. Russell Gminder (Betty Turner) is studying at Appalachian. Her husband is an Army lieutenant stationed in the Marshall Islands.

THE OLD - - - - and - - - - THE NEW



The clock in the old Huggins-Curtis Dormitory has ticked off the seconds and struck the hours that have crowded now into decades. In its time it has looked down from its stately perch as you came and went to class, or to meals, or to the library. You have checked the time by it as you came in with your date, or glanced anxiously at it as you stood in line for meals. In a sense it has recorded the history of Gardner-Webb, minute by minute, for almost half a century. Here Robert Withers stands and sets the timepiece as Bill Poole looks on.



Everyone on the campus is quite naturally interested in the new girls' dormitory now under construction. Here Cordie Hardin and Al Proctor check construction progress from a vantage point that is to be the main parlor. Cordie, a freshman, is a daughter of Rev. Robert L. Hardin '48 and Mrs. Hardin. Al is a sophomore day student from Shelby.

That You May Better Remember

This issue of your Alumni Quarterly features life among the students now enrolled at your Alma Mater.

As you can readily see from the pictures on the cover, in the center, and elsewhere, Gardner-Webb has its usual fine group of pretty girls and good looking young men.

Very few of these people are known to you, but the forces that mold their lives while they study, work, and play at Gardner-Webb are the same forces that permeated the campus during your student days here.

Go back, on memory's wings, to your student days at Gardner-Webb. Four years—14 years—40 years. The year you were here doesn't matter. In which of the pictures do you see yourself?

One of them?—All of them?

What do you remember most about your student days at Gardner-Webb? Perhaps it was an especially enjoyable class, or one you did not like. You of several years back may remember Mrs. Ritch's breakfasts of grits and eggs, or Prof. Huggins' chapel talks. And what about Miss Curtis and her strict discipline? Some of her regulations seem more sensible to you now, don't they?

You of the last 10 or 20 years will remember such things as Mr. Dixon's dry wit in math class, Mr. Stacy's philosophy and his opinionated statements about women, and Miss Miller's piano recitals. Girls of this era will recall Miss Cuthbertson's house meetings, and the year's end serenades by the boys. None of you could forget President Elliott's chapel talks.

Look at the pictures again. Remember the excitement of getting a letter from home, with maybe a dollar or two in it? What about taking hasty notes in class and then not being able to read them when you tried to study for exam? Then there were the nightly jaunts to the snack shop, where those lucky enough to have an extra

quarter would satisfy youthful appetites with a hamburger—sometimes only 30 minutes after supper.

Vespers was another vital part of the day for many of you, who met each evening for a brief period of worship together. Many a young life found Christ in these services, and many a fledgling preacher here learned how to talk to others about God.

Your college life seems to fall into three major areas of development: mental, social, and spiritual. Gardner-Webb seeks to develop in its students a harmonious blend of these three, and in so doing to promote the maturity of the individual.

Current News From Former Teachers

Several inquires have come to us recently about former faculty members who are no longer teaching at Gardner-Webb.

We have compiled as much recent news as possible about several former teachers. The next issue of the *Quarterly* will also carry news items about other faculty members of recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Otis Trentham, who taught here in 1947-1949, now live at 1765 North Eleventh Street, Abilene, Texas. Mr. Trentham is professor of biology at Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Trentham was an instructor in social studies until becoming ill a year ago. A series of light cerebral hemorrhages have caused her to become partially paralyzed, but she is slowly recovering. Mr. Trentham has been in his present position since leaving Gardner-Webb. All their children are now married.

J. Karl Jordan, who taught music in 1931-1933, is teacher of eighth grade boys at Boiling Springs High School. He is also engaged in raising beef cattle.

James L. Lovelace, teacher in 1923-1925 and bursar 1938-1945, is now operating his farm in Boiling Springs.

Mrs. Joseph S. Wray, counselor and Latin teacher in 1946-1951, is now living in retirement at her home on Woodlawn Avenue in Gastonia.

Kays Gary, professor of journalism in 1947-1948, is a news writer for the Charlotte Observer. He was recently selected to receive the Ernie Pyle award for best human interest newspaper writing. The selection was on a nationwide basis.

Mrs. James D. Huggins, who taught for 15 years between 1908 and 1931 and was counselor from 1945 until 1952, is now retired and lives in her home adjoining the college campus in Boiling Springs.

Miss Marietta Hamrick, Biology instructor in 1949-1950, was mar-

ried to James L. Heinlein in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on December 23. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heinlein are teaching in the American Schools in Germany. Mr. Heinlein is a native of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Robert A. Dyer is a homemaker and mother in Boiling Springs. Dr. Dyer is professor of Bible and psychology at Gardner-Webb. They have two sons, Raymond, 16, and Chris, 2.

Wayne Bradburn, who taught and coached from 1946 through 1952, was married in December to Mrs. Marjorie Blanton of Boiling Springs. He is now head coach at Brevard High School in Brevard.

Mrs. Hubert C. Dixon, music teacher in 1933-1936 and registrar 1940-1945, is now a homemaker and mother in Boiling Springs. She is active in church and civic affairs, and serves as librarian at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

W. W. Davidson, teacher of Bible and psychology in 1939-1945, now teaches at Waco High School in Cleveland County. He and Mrs. Davidson live in Boiling Springs.

Santford W. Martin, Jr., who taught English and directed the News Bureau in 1948-1951, is now Assistant in Development and Editor of North Carolina State College's Development Program publications. He and Mrs. Martin have a daughter Miriam, age 2. They live at 2811 Oberlin Road in Raleigh.

Mrs. Mary Pitts Duncan, who taught piano for the first two years of the school's operations (1907-1909), now lives in Palmyra, Va.,

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where she has taught music until last year.

Mrs. G. W. Vick, Jr. (Frances Cuthbertson), dean of women and teacher of English and dramatics from 1940 through 1949, now lives in Bossier City, La. Her husband is a captain in the Air Force, stationed at Barksdale Field. They have two sons, Giles, 5, and John, 3.

Miss Lilla E. Watkins, professor of commerce in 1942-1952, now teaches in the Opportunity School, West Jefferson, S. C. Since she left Gardner-Webb Miss Watkins taught at Montreat College and studied at Peabody Teachers College before entering her present work. The Opportunity School's curriculum is designed especially for handicapped people.

John R. Cantrell, president of the college from 1939 until 1943, is now pastor of Lattimore Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Cantrell live in Boiling Springs.

Horace G. Hammett, teacher of English and math in 1926-1929, is assistant executive secretary for the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina. Mrs. Hammett is the former Miss Lorene Woody, who taught piano in 1927-1929.

Mrs. F. B. Hamrick, who taught music in 1922-1924, now teaches piano in Boiling Springs High School. She and Mr. Hamrick live in Boiling Springs, where he is engaged in farming.

James L. Jenkins, president of the college in 1933-1935 and 1938-1939, is now teaching in the Preachers' School at Fruitland. The Reverend Jenkins taught Bible at the college for several years between 1929 and 1945, and was pastor of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church from 1927 until 1952. He suffered a heart attack last fall, but is now sufficiently recovered to be back in his work as a teacher of preachers.

Miss Marjorie Crisp, teacher of women's physical education from 1935 through 1942, is now head of the department of physical education for women at Wake Forest College.

Mrs. Jayne Putnam Jolley, college nurse in 1948-1952, is now a nursing supervisor at Shelby Hospital.

Mrs. Ada Hamrick, who taught high school subjects in 1929-1935, now teaches math in Boiling Springs High School.

Dr. Zeno Wall, president of the college in 1930-1932, is now pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church near Shelby. He was pastor of Shelby's First Baptist Church until 1948, when he became superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina. He returned to Shelby three years ago.

A. C. Lovelace, president of Gardner-Webb in 1935-36, died February 3 of a heart attack while traveling on Highway 27 in Cabarrus County. Mr. Lovelace was living in Forest City at the time of his death.

Your Opportunity on Christian Education Day

You are needed for leadership in your local church on Christian Education Day. As alumni of Gardner-Webb you know the value of Christian education. You are needed to spearhead the cause of Christian education and explain the purpose and function of our Baptist colleges.

April is the month set aside by the Baptist State Convention for observance of Christian Education Day. The specific Sunday is to be decided on a local level. In most cases it will be April 22.

Christian Education Day is the only time during the year when a special offering is taken for any or all of the Baptist colleges.

A portion of all funds given to the Co-Operative Program go to the seven Baptist colleges. Part of this is designated for operating expenses and part for capital outlay. With the overflow of students now reaching college age, however, our colleges need to expand at a faster pace than is provided by the funds received from the Co-Operative Program.

"We must go all out on Christian Education Day if we expect to do anything toward expanding the college," says the Rev. John Lawrence, chairman of the board of trustees. "Let's pull out all the stops and give everybody in every church an opportunity to have a part in providing Christian education for our young people."

Many churches do not observe Christian Education Day, and in those that do, pastors sometimes fail to explain the purpose of the day and the important role played by our Baptist colleges.

We need over \$100,000 to finish paying for the new girls' dormitory. This building for 100 girls will be

completed by next August 15, and we must have the necessary funds by that time. It would be wonderful if this amount could be raised on Christian Education Day.

Those of you who are not Baptists may contribute directly to the college and designate your contribution for the Golden Anniversary expansion program or whatever other use you choose.

You as Gardner-Webb alumni have an opportunity to have a great part in the life and expanded services of your Alma Mater on this day. Designate any gifts to the college, and encourage your friends to contribute as loyally as they do for other special offerings.